

## MEMORANDUM FOR: FPOM Members

FROM: Rex Baxter, Fishery Biologist and Member of Fish Passage Plan Task Group, Walla Walla District, USACE

SUBJECT: Description of Fish Passage Plan Task Group

1. At several recent monthly FPOM meetings there was discussion regarding problems associated with various task groups. There was uncertainty about task group organization, purposes, objectives, responsibilities, and deadlines, and concern about an apparent lack of progress. Reorganization was considered, whereby the many existing task groups would be eliminated and replaced with just two "core" task groups. The two core task groups would be organized according to "adult fish" and "juvenile fish" issues, or according to "Portland District" and "Walla Walla District" issues. However, at the FPOM meetings on July 8 and August 12 it was decided to maintain the present task group structure, disband some task groups, and maintain the following task groups:

- ADULT FISH COUNTING (Robert Stansell, chairman)
- ADULT FISH FACILITIES (Larry Basham, chairman)
- JUVENILE FISH FACILITIES (Dave Hurson, chairman)
- AVIAN PREDATION (Tim Darland, chairman)
- FISH PASSAGE PLAN (Rudd Turner, chairman)
- LAMPREY (Tammy Mackey, chairwoman)
- SHAD FISHERY (Cal Sprague, chairman)
- BONNEVILLE WINTER SPILL (Scott Bettin, chairman)

It was also determined that each task group should develop a brief written description of their respective groups for reference purposes. This memorandum describes the membership, purpose, objectives, and responsibilities of the Fish Passage Plan Task Group.

2. Membership: Rudd Turner (chairman), Reservoir Control Center, Northwestern Division, USACE. Members include Rex Baxter, Walla Walla District (NWW), USACE, and Cal Sprague, Portland District (NWP), USACE.

3. Purpose: In coordination with the region's fishery agencies, tribes, and other affected interests, maintain and revise the Corps' Fish Passage Plan as necessary to protect and enhance anadromous and resident fish populations in the Columbia and lower Snake rivers.

4. Objectives and Responsibilities:

- All FPOM Members: Provide comments for revision of the FPP to the task group year-round, especially during the October-November time frame when the draft FPP is being developed for the upcoming calendar year.
- Task Group: Solicit comments for revision of the FPP from affected interests year-round, especially during the October-November time frame, and incorporate comments as appropriate.

- Chairman: Provide electronic copies of the current, final FPP to the NWW and NWP members by October 1.
- NWW and NWP Members: Revise the current FPP as appropriate and provide the revised draft FPP to the chairman by November 30.
- Chairman: Review, edit and distribute the draft FPP to affected interests and post on the TMT website by December 15.
- Task Group: Obtain review comments on the draft FPP from affected interests by January 15.
- Task Group: Incorporate comments as appropriate and provide the final FPP to the chairman by January 31.
- Chairman: Review, edit and distribute the final FPP to affected interests and post on the TMT website by February 28.
- Chairman: Archive electronic master copies of the final FPP.
- NWW and NWP Members: Provide written responses to comments on the draft FPP to the chairman.
- Chairman: Review, edit, and distribute the Corps' responses to all affected interests that commented.

5. Responsibilities for Maintaining/Editing Individual Chapters of the FPP:

- Cover Letters (Rudd)
- Table of Contents (Rudd)
- Overview (Rudd)
- Bonneville (Cal)
- The Dalles (Cal)
- John Day (Cal)
- McNary (Rex)
- Ice Harbor (Rex)
- Lower Monumental (Rex)
- Little Goose (Rex)
- Lower Granite (Rex)
- Appendix A – Special Project Operations and Studies (Cal and Rex)
- Appendix B – Juvenile Fish Transportation Plan (Dave Hurson)
- Appendix C – BPA's System Load Shaping Guidelines (Rudd)
- Appendix D – Dissolved Gas Monitoring (Rudd)
- Appendix E – 2000 FCRPS Biological Opinion spill action (Rudd)
- Appendix F – Guidelines for Dewatering and Fish Handling Plans (Cal and Rex)
- Appendix G – Protocols for Adult Fish Trapping Operations (Cal and Rex)
- Appendix H – Turbine Dewatering Procedure for Chief Joseph Dam (Rudd)
- Appendix I – List of Acronyms (Rudd)

6. This memorandum will be revised and reissued as the need arises.